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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPLORE AND
UTILIZE LANE DELINEATION TECHNIQUES WITHIN BERNALILLO COUNTY
THAT WILL ENHANCE THE VISIBILITY AND REFLECTIVITY OF THE ROAD
STRIPES IN ALL CLIMATE CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, the department of transportation maintains an
estimated eleven thousand miles of road, of which nine hundred
twelve lane miles of interstate highway are within Bernalillo
county; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico experiences a wide range of climate
conditions, from very bright sunshine to snow blizzards; and

WHEREAS, the range of climate conditions can cause poor
visibility of the traffic lane delineations; and

WHEREAS, the interstate 40 corridor through the
Albuquerque metropolitan area has experienced significant

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1 growth in traffic volume, ranging from an average daily traffic
2 volume of fifty thousand to one hundred forty thousand vehicles
3 per day; and

4 WHEREAS, an estimated forty percent of the volume of
5 traffic is due to heavy commercial vehicles; and

6 WHEREAS, the department of transportation has invested
7 approximately one billion seven hundred million dollars
8 (\$1,700,000,000) in the interstate 40 corridor in Bernalillo
9 county over the last twelve years to upgrade capacity and
10 facilitate the movement of goods and services; and

11 WHEREAS, the growing traffic volume is creating periods of
12 congestion on the interstate; and

13 WHEREAS, the growing congestion is resulting in increased
14 motorist travel time with excessive delays; and

15 WHEREAS, the combination of increased traffic and
16 congestion with the low visibility of lane delineation can
17 potentially decrease the efficient movement of traffic;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be
20 requested to explore and utilize lane delineation techniques
21 within Bernalillo county that will enhance the visibility and
22 reflectivity of the road stripes in all climate conditions; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
24 transportation begin studies, analyses and management
25 strategies to efficiently manage the capacity of interstate 40

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1 through Bernalillo county to include managed lanes and ramp
2 metering; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the secretary of transportation and the mid-
5 region council of governments.

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